

Delivery system reform

ISSUE: The Medicare program is fiscally unsustainable over the long term if current trends continue. Moderating projected spending trends requires fundamental payment and delivery system reforms to improve quality and reduce cost growth. What should be the direction of those reforms over the long term?

KEY POINTS: In this session, we will briefly review the arguments for why fundamental changes in payment and delivery systems are needed; tools for improving efficiency and quality; and strategies for reforming the payment system to increase coordination, accountability, and value.

ACTION: Commissioners should discuss if there is consensus on this long-term direction for Medicare payment policy and if staff should further develop specific approaches.

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